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SUBJ: INDIAN COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR ASSURANCES RELATING TO TARAPUR

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ADCM SEPTEMBER 13, MEA (TEJA),
IN REFERRING BRIEFLY TO CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS OVER
TARAPUR NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLIES OBSERVED THAT
IF THERE WAS ANY WAY IN WHICH THE USG FELT THAT
INDIAN NUCLEAR ASSURANCES RELATING TO THE USE OF
TARAPUR SPENT FUEL OR THE NEW FUEL FOR THE TARAPUR
FACILITIES WERE INADEQUATE, THE USG SHOULD LET THE
GOI KNOW WHAT ITS MISGIVINGS WERE AND THE GOI WOULD
CONSIDER WHAT IT COULD DO ABOUT US CONCERNS. TEJA
SAID THAT INDIA HAD NO INTEREST IN ANY OTHER
USE IN THE SPENT FUEL THAN THAT WHICH HAD BEEN
COMMUNICATED TO KRATZER, WAS DEPENDENT ON THE US
FOR FUEL FOR TARAPUR FOR YEARS TO COME, AND WISHED
TO ALLAY ANY DOUBTS WHICH MIGHT EXIST IN THE
USG IN WHATEVER WAY IT COULD. TEJA MADE
THESE OBSERVATIONS AFTER REFERRING TO THE GOI'S
INTEREST IN REACHING A JOINT DETERMINATION
WITH THE US ON SAFEGUARDS FOR THE TARAPUR NUCLEAR
REPROCESSING PLANT.
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